



Cristian Popa
Biographical Notes

Cristian Popa (b. 1964) is Deputy Governor of the National Bank of Romania (NBR). In this capacity, he coordinates monetary and exchange rate policy, research, publications, econometric modeling and forecasting, European integration, and international relations. His responsibilities include advising government on behalf of the NBR on external sovereign debt issuance and the ratings agency dialogue.

Dr. Popa is also vice-president of the NBR Monetary Policy and Supervision Committees and a member of its Board of Administration. He heads the NBR task force responsible for inflation targeting, and additionally serves as alternate World Bank governor for Romania, as well as representing the NBR International Relations Committee of the ECB/ESCB, in the Economic and Financial Committee and serving as accompanying person/alternate to the NBR Governor in the ECB General Council. Dr. Popa is a member of the editorial boards of the *Romanian Journal of European Affairs* and *Oeconomica*, member of the Administrative Board of New Europe College Bucharest and an honorary member of the Board of Directors of the Romanian Academy's Institute for Economic Forecasting.

Dr. Popa joined the NBR in 1998, as Senior Advisor to the Governor and Chief Economist. He was previously active in research (between 1991 - 1998, he was Senior Research Fellow with the Institute of National Economy in Bucharest) and government (in 1993-4, Governmental Advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister in charge of Economic Reform; also, Director of Macroeconomic Policy Coordination within the Department of Economic Reform of the Romanian government). He completed a first mandate as NBR deputy governor in 1998 - 2004.

Dr. Popa has been Fulbright fellow with Harvard University (1994-5), ACE-PHARE visiting fellow with the NIESR (London, 1997), and visiting scholar with the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI, 1997). He has lectured at, among others, Harvard University, the London School of Economics, the London Business School, the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House), St. Mary's College of Maryland, the Austrian National Bank, the Economic Planning Agency of Japan and the Global Forum (Tokyo), as well as the Basque Country University.

Dr. Popa is the author of numerous papers focusing on monetary policy, international trade, inflation, exchange rates, financial indiscipline, privatization, banking system reform, and other issues pertaining to emerging and developed economies.